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The Dry Goods Trade.

Not only have prices advanced, but there is every probability that they will be much higher, making this the right time to increase stock for all those who wish to take advantage of a rising market. We are glad to be able to say in this connection that Pittsburgh stands in the front rank, as a market, at this time. Not only can as good a stock be had here than in this city, but a full supply, also. If any doubt this they have but to visit the establishment of Barker & Co., 59 Market street, and they will be satisfied that we are speaking by the book. Country merchants take notice.

Valentines.

The largest assortment of Valentines in the city will be opened on Monday at Pittock's.

Silks and Dress Goods.

An immense stock of the same greatly reduced at Barker & Co's, 59 Market street.

Wonderful.

The Serpents, at Pittock's.

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Of Cloaks and Shawls at Barker & Co's, 59 Market street.

Diaries and Almanacs

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For these go to the great closing out sale at Barker & Co's, 59 Market street.

The Little Cricket

Chirps at the Opera House on Monday night.

Shawls,

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The Only True Report

Of the life, trial, execution and confession of Mrs. Grinder is to be found in the Leader, to be had at Pittock's.

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Greenbacks are Good

But how to get them is better. See P. P. P. B. advertisement on second page of Commercial.

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Cleanbacks.

If you would preserve your health keep your backs and bodies clean by using plentifully of Sawyer's Barber's Soap. Thirty cents a cake, three dollars a dozen.

Two Cases Piles Cured by Dr. Strickland's Pile Remedy.—Mr. Glass, of Janesville, Wisconsin, writes that two cases of hemorrhoids with the Piles, that he has been troubled for eight years with an aggravated case of Piles, and his brother was also troubled with the same complaint (the latter being partialised with the Piles.) Both these distressing cases were cured with one bottle of Dr. Strickland's Pile Remedy. The recommendation of these gentlemen, backed by the daily testimonials of Dr. Strickland, ought to convince those suffering, that the most aggravated chronic cases of Piles are cured by Dr Strickland's Pile Remedy. It is sold by Druggists everywhere. R. E. Sellers, agent, Pittsburgh, Pa.

A Curious Fact.

It is related by travelers in Eastern countries that persons are not unfrequently past 100 years of age one hundred years. with all the health and buoyancy of spirits of an individual apparently of the age of forty. On inquiring the cause it was ascertained that the only medicine they ever took was the medicated Hamburg cigar made by the Sylvan Orient Company of Boston are now advertising in our city papers under the name of Hasheesh Candy. A very different article, however, from that worthless stuff offered our citizens some time since by a New York concern, No. 1, Fahnestock & Co., and McClarran & Co., are the wholesale agents here.

Robberies.

Scarcely a day or night passes without developing some new robbery. The boldness with which they are perpetrated and the apparent impunibility of detection being most remarkable. Every day and night a raid is made on Pittock's, opposite the Postoffice, to get a gold pen, album, pocket-book, and why? Because he sells cheap.

The Magic of Success

Galvanizes rebels into patriots, speculation into enterprise, and impudence into genius, and under its magical influence a man is mistaken for virtue, and ignorance sometimes passes for knowledge, offered as a stock text, from which would like to hear sermons from all the pulpits in the country, thus—"Do not swindle, do not smuggle, do not lie, do not steal, do not cheat, do not steal, do not gamble, be just, be generous, fear not, love your fellow men as well as God, love truth, love virtue, use Hoback's Bitters and be happy.

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THE NEW YORK *Tribune* says there is no doubt in Washington that the President will sign the Suffrage bill.

TRIAL OF DAVIS.—The bill before the Senate relative to the trial of Davis, enacts what is now the doctrine in Illinois and other States, that an opinion based upon rumors, newspaper reports or common notoriety, is but a hypothetical opinion which should not disqualify a juror, provided the Court is satisfied that he would act impartially. But the passage of this bill will secure the trial of Davis before a civil court, and it will consequently meet with decided opposition.

THE RIGHT OF A WOMAN TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE.—A Committee of the Massachusetts House of Representatives have reported that no legislation is necessary in order to legalize marriages performed by women who are regularly ordained, under the statute, for the gospel ministry. It was the continued use of the masculine pronoun "he," in the statute, which occasioned a doubt in the minds of some as to the capacity of women to perform the ceremony. There are several female preachers in the Bay State.

A CURIOSITY.—In the museum of the Medical College of the University of Pennsylvania has been received by Dr. Agnew a singular curiosity. A cursory observer would call it a picture in two colors—red and black—representing the Crucifixion, with candles and an altar at the foot of the cross, and above it, in large letters, the word "Christ." Above this is a human face representation of one hemisphere of the United States, with a spread eagle perched upon the shield. The article in question is a picture, but the material upon which it is painted is the most curious part of the work. In the South seas, during the winters, where the air is bland and the sea calm, a feather tree grows. Each year Dr. Strickland, a fine artist is tattooing his arm with pictures. He has come into possession of the arm in question, and has preserved it by a process of his own discovery, as above described. The picture is very like life canvas, and is enclosed in a suitable frame. No one looking at it would imagine it to be what it really is. The museum of the University has plenty of specimens like this, preserved in spirits, but this is a novelty.

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A Stirring Petition.

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Basis of Representation.

The House again debated to-day the constitutional amendment providing for the basis a new representation, and after some discussion, came to the conclusion to vote on it on Tuesday, at one o'clock. There are over a dozen amendments pending, and the question will probably be taken on the original House in the shape it left the hall, the House could not agree.

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HOUSE.—Petitions.—Mr. Slack presented the resolutions of the Councils of Allegheny City against the passage of an act vacating certain streets.

Mr. Negley and Mr. McFerran, to remove the county seat of Mercer.

Mr. Glass presented a memorial from the Pittsburgh Board of Trade, asking for a general railroad law, and moved that five hundred copies be printed for the use of the House.

Reports of Committees.—Mr. Shenk, from Judiciary General, an act relative to prisons and almshouses in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Quay, from same, to prevent the carrying of concealed deadly weapons.

Mr. McKenly, from Judiciary Local, a supplement to an act to allow the Commissioners of Lawrence county to borrow money. The bill passed finally.

Bills in Place—Mr. Slack, a supplement to an act relative to assessors in Allegheny.

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Adjourned until Monday evening.

FLURRY IN THE LONDON MONEY MARKET.

Overtrading with America.

Liabilities of Extraordinary Magnitude.

By the last European arrival we learn that considerable apprehension had been awakened by the extent of the trade with America, and the character of the liabilities incurred. The London correspondent of the 9th, in part, says: "Liabilities of extraordinary magnitude must have been incurred by the importing houses of New York and the other American ports. Should the rate of exchange advance to twenty or thirty per cent., as may well be expected, when the time comes to pay instead of spoke against the amendment. Mr. Raymond, of New York, obtained the floor for Monday, and is expected to speak against the proposition.

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The Tariff on Wool.

The Approaching State Convention.

An Appeal to the Wool Growers of the State.

Important Local Bills Presented.

Tariff on Wool.

To the Editor of the Commercial:

It is very gratifying to find that wool growers have a willing advocate in you for their interest, including tariff and tax, National and State, on the pest of wool growers—worthless dogs. Being a working man, and having tasted of the grinding and degrading effects of a monarchical government on working men, I hope the wool growers (of whom I am a limited one) will not only be successful in their just demands, but join in with all other laboring classes to protect them from pauper labor of all monarchical countries. What not Nova Scotia coal, and everything that can be dug out of or raised on the earth, in the United States, in sufficient quantities for the supply of our common country, and thus elevate, instead of permitting our laborers to be down-trodden, forcing them, to become competitors for their daily bread, with laborers that can only have meat once or twice a week in limited quantities, and the refuse of their wealthy employers. Let us evidence by resolutions that a free and republican government is in favor of elevating every one of her citizens to the dignity of men, making labor honorable.

FAIR PLAY.

PEEBLES TOWNSHIP, January 20, 1866.

To the Wool Growers of Pennsylvania.

NORLESTOWN, ALLEGHENY CO., PA. }

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

Now that it is settled that we will have a State organization matured on the 8th proximo at Pittsburgh, the matter of a tariff that will protect United States wool growers, must be a very prominent problem to discuss. It will be well for every wool grower in the State to be present himself, or interest himself to be properly represented if he cannot attend. The agriculturists is very frequently misled by writers and speakers favoring a protective tariff, that the prosperity of the manufacturer insures the prosperity of the agriculturist. This is not the proper way of having the prosperity come forward. It is putting the cart before the wrong foot." It should be that the prosperity of the agriculturist insures the prosperity of the manufacturer, agriculturist the right corner stone upon which alone the prosperity of a nation rests, then all writers on national wealth and prosperity, from the time of the immortal Jefferson said and advocated the doctrine that agriculture being protected "we must now place the manufacturer by the side of the agriculturist."

We hope the representatives who will attend the State Wool Growers' Convention, will come up as one man, and pass resolutions calling upon all representatives in Congress to use their energies and influence in earnest, and secure our valuable country from the farcical ruin wool growers of the United States without doubt or hindrance against the importation of wool from all and every country, is not, no longer durable that freemen who are very generally their own shepherds, paying large United States and state and county taxes, and having to provide for and educate families shall be brought into competition with the pauper labor of kings, foreign capital, and foreign pauper labor. Let us ask Congress in such a way that they shall see, that we are in earnest, and understand that if they do not respond to our just petition favorably, and so as to give us adequate protection, that we will not be in favor of such representatives as will favor our petition, but will represent us before."

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"It may be well to remind our trading population that when Englishmen at that time were accustomed to deplore the losses they had sustained, they were generally met with the not altogether unjust rejoinder from America that they should reproach themselves for having by their lavish and heedless expenditure compelled a young and sanguine nation into an extravagant career."

The *Daily News* also partly attributes the high rate of money to the great expansion of the exports trade to America, and the credit given therefor.

The *Times*, of the 9th, devotes an editorial to the monetary relations of England and America, and urges that merchants and shippers should be prudent in the extent of credit which they grant.

The views advanced in the above articles are commented on by American journals, and prominent men in the above journals. A letter from Liverpool, in the *Daily News*, points out that while the exports for all nations for six months amounted to about £16,000,000, the shipments of cotton to Liverpool during the same period for last three months are valued at fully £3,000,000 sterling.

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A RECONSTRUCTED BISHOP.—Right Reverend Bishop Quintard, of Tennessee, preached in Nashville last Wednesday evening to a very full house. The sermon, though highly seasoned with church salt, was a most excellent one, and breathed throughout a thoroughly loyal and remarkably hopeful spirit. He urged that it was the duty of the church to nationalize its aims, popularize its means, and devote itself with heroic faith to the development of the powers and the virtues of all races in this country without distinction of color. It was the best sermon I have heard yet from a reconstructed bishop of the South. The Bishop is in the prime of life, is a remarkably fine looking man, has a flashing eye, a clear strong voice, a handsome delivery, and an energy and force of character which will make him a power in our religious society. He is a Northern man, was educated for the medical profession, and has as good a rebel record as any divine in Tennessee.

Our Western exchanges bring us sad accounts of suffering and of Indian outbreaks on the Plains. In the vicinity of Fort Dodge, several parties have been attacked by the Sioux and Arapahoes, and some killed and scalped. A strong force was sent from the fort in pursuit. The weather has been unusually severe, and trains, and there has been great suffering among the trains, not less than twenty of which are now on the Plains. The loss of stock has been very heavy, some trains losing nearly all, and many of the men have been badly frozen.

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By the last European arrival we learn that considerable apprehension had been awakened by the extent of the trade with America, and the character of the liabilities incurred. The London correspondent of the 9th, in part, says: "Liabilities of extraordinary magnitude must have been incurred by the importing houses of New York and the other American ports. Should the rate of exchange advance to twenty or thirty per cent., as may well be expected, when the time comes to pay instead of receive, a state of affairs might ensue that would greatly disappoint and embarrass the Lancashire, Staffordshire and other firms who are now relying upon the receipt or remittances at a certain date to meet the flood of bills which represent in our discount markets their American ventures.

"Belief in the American power of resuscitation has now become a rage. The revenue of 1865 is nearly twice as great in its annual burden as that of the United Kingdom, the disorganization of four millions laborers, the fiercest sectional antagonism, and, above all, the existence of a protective and prohibitive system, only to be paralleled in China, Japan, &c., are all drawbacks unworthy of notice in estimating the future development and resources of the country. Something akin to this has been witnessed before."

The *Times* then refers to the state of affairs which followed the great fire of New York in 1835-37, and other occurrences, the warnings against the present system, and winds it up as follows:

"It may be well to remind our trading population that when Englishmen at that time were accustomed to deplore the losses they had sustained, they were generally met with the not altogether unjust rejoinder from America that they should reproach themselves for having by their lavish and heedless expenditure compelled a young and sanguine nation into an extravagant career."

The *Daily News* also partly attributes the high rate of money to the great expansion of the exports trade to America, and the credit given therefor.

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The views advanced in the above articles are commented on by American journals. A letter from Liverpool, in the *Daily News*, points out that while the exports for all nations for six months amounted to about £16,000,000, the shipments of cotton to Liverpool during the same period for last three months are valued at fully £3,000,000 sterling.

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THE ROMANCE OF STATISTICS.

The utter worthlessness of figures, which at the same time are made the basis of important legislation, is completely illustrated by a report which the Secretary of the Interior has made to Congress, of the principal manufacturing cities of the country, and the products of their manufactures, wherein Pittsburgh figures near the tail of the list, with *eleven million as the sum total of the value of her manufacturing products!* If Mr. Secretary HARLAN has no more reliable figures, we advise him to burn them at once. We can show him beyond dispute that no statement, having the slightest claim to accuracy, would place the manufacturing products of Pittsburgh at less than *one hundred million.*

The Secretary has told the best he knew, and he knew nothing beyond the last census, which in most respects has come to be regarded as a stupendous fabrication, utterly worthless except to illustrate how much money can be thrown away in that particular line. The statement is a libel on Pittsburgh, as it doubtless is on other cities. For this, however, the very able Secretary of the Interior should not be held responsible. Congress ought to be shown, however, how valueless are the statistics furnished, consequently how unsafe it will be to predicate action on them. If it would order the records of the last census to be destroyed, and order a new one to be taken at the earliest moment practicable, it would do a wise thing. As an illustration, we will say that the returns of the last census show that in the whole of Allegheny county there is but one bookbindery, and that one with five hundred dollars capital!

We trust that something will be done to correct these mistakes, which would be grave if they were not ludicrous, at least so far as Pittsburgh is concerned.

GOOD SENSE RETURNING---HOPEFUL PROSPECT.

While we have not mounted the question of negro suffrage as a hobby, to ride over and trample down everything else, the important matter has not been by any means ignored in the COMMERCIAL. Besides its interest to a large element of our population, now happily freed from bondage, its importance to the country and its connection with the reconstruction of States commend it to consideration. Our position was early taken and we have every reason to believe that it has been, and is so well understood, that we need not now formally reiterate it.

But we cannot help noticing in the public sentiment, as indicated through the press and in the proceedings of Congress, a decided tendency to concentrate on the grounds that we have occupied from the beginning. This is but another added to the many illustrations of a principle. Positions taken under the auspices of correct ideas are always tenable. It is so manifestly just, that one rule of suffrage should be applied to all persons, in all the States, that public sentiment, from time to time for consideration was taken, could not but crystalize on that point. In taking this position, we were so radical—in our meaning of the term—as to be far in advance both of Georgia and Massachusetts. Yet, to this view, the country seems now spontaneously inclined. We have been in no hurry to have this manifestly correct rule applied in any State, but only to have it applied when the subject comes up for practical consideration. And again we are agreeably greeted with an unexpected concurrence in a cautious and deliberate procedure. And this is the more gratifying as the indications come from those who have heretofore shown some impatience of hindrances and delay. Congress itself, instead of blaming the President for not conferring the boon of suffrage on the lately emancipated slaves, resorts to the slow measure of Constitutional Amendment to secure it for them. And some of the leading heads that have been set up and headlong for rapid movement, surprise us with proposed conditions and cautions quite in accord with our own. The Boston *Advertiser*, a journal representing the New England sentiment, commenting on the amendment proposed by Mr. STEVENS from the Reconstruction Committee, says:

"We should be sorry to see any timidity on the part of Congress in making the organic changes required by the war, but on the other hand there can hardly be too great care exercised in dwelling upon them as a matter of public concern to get a provision into the Constitution, by which to get it out after it has once been adopted."

Another caution was suggested by the *unconditional* suffrage proposed in the District of Columbia. The *Advertiser* says:

"We regret, too, that by this amendment it should appear as settled that suffrage is not to be based upon intelligence. No opportunity so favorable as the present for engrafting that great principle upon our Constitution is likely to present itself to our generation. It may be that we should regard the action upon the District of Columbia suffrage question as proving that Congress cannot see its way to the establishment of this principle, either on the large scale or the small. But we must be permitted to express our regret that an occasion so favorable for the inauguration of a sound and wise principle of such beneficent character, should find Congress unable to appreciate or unwilling to concede its superiority."

Our neighbor, the *Gazette*, by its yesterday's issue, appears to have been overtaken by a similar visitation of prudence and wisdom. It bespeaks caution and delay, and although it does not, like the *Advertiser*, plead for *intelligent* suffrage, our favorite idea, yet it gives up its own darling, oddly enough named "manhood suffrage," as utterly beyond hope. Is it not refreshing to hear the *Gazette* expressing itself in this wise?

"No doubt an attempt will be made to drag the general question of Negro Suffrage into discussion. Such attempt, it seems to us, will be inopportune."

And again it says:

"When the suffrage question comes up in Pennsylvania, we judge from what we see and hear, that the proposition will be for a conditioned basis, and that an educational one. Of course there are persons in each of the political parties, who, animated by very different motives, would prefer a proposition for manhood voting. All such are likely to be disappointed."

Upon sound principle, however it may be with narrow self-interest, there can be no good reason for excluding the great questions involved in national politics from consideration in the treatment of local politics, so far as they are locally applicable and appropriate. Nor is it possible to exclude them—a fact now for the first time perceived, and which seems to startle some who have been rushing blindly on. But politicians are often ready to raise a clamor about questions of remote application, while they sensitively shrink from their application within the sphere of their own interests; or, in other words, when measures are devised not for distant use but for use at home, wisdom and good sense immediately assume their place of consideration and influence in the minds of men. Under these auspices, we have a cheering confidence, that this important question, like all the rest with which it is connected, will be brought to a just settlement, and that it will reach that end through right means. The good of the nation is the first thing to be considered. Secondary to this is the good of the colored people. As we have often said, there is no need of haste. Equally true is it, that there is safety in deliberation. Emancipation is an immense advance, affording glory enough for an age, and yet giving assurance of further progress. The concentration of honest and loyal minds on the subject will bring it out clear and bright. And correctness of sentiment will be the best guaranty for unity of faith and harmony of action. The initiation of this condition is what we have noted in the present article.

JEFF. DAVIS—SENATOR SUMNER.

The movement in the United States Senate, having for its object the speedy trial and punishment of JEFF. DAVIS, is determinately opposed by Senator SUMNER, who some time ago declared for the general amnesty policy. In nothing is the wish of the loyal people of the country so well defined as in regard to the trial of DAVIS. Should Mr. SUMNER, by any means, succeed in preventing the trial of DAVIS, he will have committed an error that will be remembered as long as the rebellion itself. There is no accounting for the crotchets of men, and it is interesting, though not always pleasant, to observe the opposite extremes to which some will go. The distinguished Senator from Massachusetts, in common with the loyal people, holds that the rebellion was a great crime, committed for the worst of motives; but in dealing with the greatest of the criminals, contrary to the sense of the loyal people, he would let him escape without punishment. It is one of the amazing sights to be seen within the walls of the Capitol, the Massachusetts Senator resisting the trial and punishment of the greatest criminal in history. And yet no one questions the Senator's entire sincerity; no one doubts that in this as in regard to other questions, he is moved purely by a sense of duty; but few there are, in view of the inconsistency and the tendency of his acts, who will accord to him the influence or standing of a sound, even-minded statesman or of a safe leader.

ENROLLMENT OF THE STATE MILITIA.

The report of LEMUEL TODD, Inspector General of Pennsylvania, states that notwithstanding the most earnest efforts of his department, the work of the enrollment of the State militia, under the provisions of the act of May 4, 1864, is not yet completed. Twenty out of sixty-six counties have, thus far, totally neglected and failed to perform their duties in this regard, owing to the impression that the act mentioned was temporary in its provisions, and rendered useless by the cessation of the war. The aggregate number returned by forty-six counties, subject to militia duty, is 140,668, or about one in every twelve of their population. Applying this ratio to the population of the twenty non-reporting counties would give to them 106,901 men liable to military service, and give an aggregate in the State of 247,709 men liable to enrollment. The number of men enrolled in Allegheny county is 17,507, of whom one hundred and seventeen are exempt, leaving 17,690 men liable to duty.

The Inspector General is of opinion that it will be a most arduous, tedious and expensive undertaking to effect an organization of the militia under the act of May, 1864. It will require, in his judgment, one hundred thousand dollars to accomplish an organization under that act. He suggests that the feature of the act looking to volunteer organizations be repealed, and that military service be exacted under one uniform law, that will operate evenly throughout the State. He concludes that year after year our militia acts have descended from bad to worse, and the true remedy for all this is to be found in a faithful revision of the whole matter by competent and practical military men. He recommends that the Legislature be asked to make an appropriation for the appointment of a Committee, authorized to draft a bill on the subject to supersede all other acts now in existence.

PREPAYMENT OF NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.

We have not seen the reasons on which is based the proposition to require the prepayment of postage on all newspapers, but plenty of reasons occur to us why such a provision should not be adopted. It would be an effective blow aimed directly at the circulation of newspapers through the mails, and at all the benefits resulting therefrom. At the first glance it may appear that it can make no difference by whom the postage is paid, the publisher or the subscriber. The argument is as good for the Department as for the publisher or subscriber. The fact is, however, the proposed provision would add a new complication in the use of the mails for the transmission of newspapers,—and we are not sure that this is not what is intended, with the view to driving papers outside the mails altogether. On the principal railway lines papers to the prominent points are carried now outside the mails; therefore, to this extent the new provision would work no change, and no objection can be raised; but wherever the new provision did apply it would operate as a clog on circulation. The reasons why it would so operate can be appreciated by publishers only, and that the proposition should awaken a protest from them is altogether natural. The New York publishers, we understand, will move in concert in opposition to the restriction, and they will be seconded by publishers throughout the country.

THE PHILADELPHIA STEAMSHIP LINE.

The *Press* of Friday is informed that "by the end of the month" the capital "required to start steamship line" from that city "to four or five of the Southern ports, will be subscribed, and the charter of the Company granted by the Legislature." This certainly is gratifying, and something almost grand, considering that it is to be accomplished with $600,000. With much good sense, however, the *Press* is of the opinion that "at least $1,000,000 are needed to make these lines superior to those of New York or Baltimore, and to make the best use of the great commercial opportunity." There can be no disputing this, since it is proposed to have "five or six strong and swift boats" running "regularly to Wilmington, Mobile, New Orleans, etc." Unless Philadelphia has superior facilities, the sum named would be quite exhausted before *all* the boats were "running regularly." Some may be inclined to think the sum and the object aimed at are slightly disproportionate.

DAIRYMEN IN COUNCIL.—The Ohio State Cheese Manufacturers' Association met in Cleveland on Wednesday. Hon. GEORGE WILLIAMS, President of the New York Cheese Manufacturers' Association, addressed the convention, stating he was of the opinion that cheese manufacturers could not retain a position in the business of the country without association, and enlarged on the benefits to be derived from associated effort. One of the results of the New York Association had been to give to American cheese a prominence in the markets of the world; and he believed that, through the efforts of these cheese associations, American cheese had assumed a prominence in the English market, equal to their own, and that Ohio cheese already possessed an enviable reputation abroad. A resolution was adopted setting forth that it was deemed desirable for the Association to connect itself with the American Dairymen's Association as an auxiliary to the same. A lengthy debate, without arriving at any conclusion, was had on a resolution stating that the advantages of the associated system of dairying, or the factory system, merits general adoption.

SLAVE CODES ABOLISHED.—There is a clause in the constitution that, since the last amendment abolishing slavery, makes a very big hole in the statutes of the late slave States. It is this: "This constitution shall be the supreme law of the land—anything in the constitutions and laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding."

This sweeps away not only the barbaric laws that the institution gave rise to, but it sweeps away the materials out of which sectionalism was constructed, that gave our country so much trouble before the war, and that at last raised eleven States in rebellion against the Government. The abolition of slavery carries with it all the slave codes, in all their ramifications. Happy would it be for the historic fame of the country if they could be utterly effaced and cast into eternal oblivion. In twenty years, we venture to predict, the slave laws will be read with astonishment and blushes of shame, even in the South.

EXTRA CENSUS.—Some steps have been taken in Congress toward the taking of an extra census during the present year. We hope it will be done, at least so far as the number of people is concerned. The other details usually embraced might be postponed for the four years yet remaining before the regular decennial enumeration. There are important questions and some of considerable difficulty connected with the number of the population. And there would be in this case a great many sad reflections suggested by the comparison of numbers in the proposed census and that of the year before the war.

GUBERNATORIAL.—L.W. HALL, delegate, and the conferees to assist in electing Senatorial delegates, have been instructed by the Union Committee of Blair county to support Major General GEARY for Governor in the approaching State Convention.

The envelope manufacturers and dealers of New York recently held a meeting to take action relative to a bill before Congress permitting the Postmaster General to sell stamped envelopes at the cost of the stamp impressed thereon. It was stated that the number of stamped envelopes sold last year was 25,000,000, and the number of postage stamps 387,119,000; that the price is $4 80 per thousand. If the Government furnishes this large amount it will be the loser of $1,979,000 annually. The bill is declared to favor a new company at Washington with $1,000,000 capital. A committee was appointed to send on to Congress a protest.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Board of Trustees, or overseers of Harvard College, have organized for the year 1866. As now constituted the Board will consist of thirty-two members; two, the president and treasurer of the University *ex officio*, and thirty elective, divided into six classes of five each. The senior member is the Rev. James Walker, D. D., L. L. D., having been elected in 1825.

The Chicago authorities contemplate erecting a new and commodious City Hall, but meet with considerable difficulty in procuring a proper site.

The suspension of business by the Columbian Marine Insurance Co. of New York, one of the oldest in that city, has created immense excitement in commercial circles. The company's building is said to be thronged by the stock-holders, many of whom, after ascertaining the causes of the alleged failure, proposed to stand an assessment of 50 per cent. in order that the business might be resumed by the Directors. The exact amount of the liabilities is not yet ascertained, but they will reach a very high figure.

The great event in New York city this season, is the reception of the famous 7th Regiment, which is announced for the 31st inst., at the Academy of Music. It will be the fashionable event *par excellence* of the winter. The Academy is to be decorated in a superb manner, and Irving Hall, on the other side of the street, is to be used as a supper room. The rush for tickets for the reception—they are only fifteen dollars each—is unprecedented. 1,800 is the limit, and these have all been taken. The tickets, themselves, are splendid specimens of the engraver's skill. Large and small cards have been prepared—the latter is taken for invitations, and the former is retained by the guest as a memento of the occasion. The reception itself is intended as a compliment to former members of the regiment, who have served with distinction during the war. Major General John A. Dix will be present and deliver the reception address.

A correspondent of the Chicago *Republican*, having said that the depot and machine shops at Omaha (Pacific Railway) cannot be considered as permanent buildings, as they are on low ground, frequently inundated by freshets, has given offense to the enactor, George F. Train, who says that the buildings are permanent, built of bricks, and will not be completed for less than half a million of dollars. He denies that they are on low ground and says that there has not been a freshet within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

In the New York Assembly, last Tuesday, a report in favor of expelling reporters of the press from the floor was brought up, and after a tedious debate, a motion was made to adopt it by 46, providing that the Speaker shall assign seats to reporters, who may at all times have the right to pass to and from them.

Some individual who had nothing else to do has ascertained that there are 550,000 grains in a bushel of wheat; 520,000 in barley; 260,000 in oats, and 37,000 in horse beans.

The British revenue for the year 1865 amounted to 69,106,478, which is within a million of the receipts in 1864, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Gladstone's budget remitted taxation to the extent of five millions sterling in the financial year.

ST. GEORGE (P. E.) Church, in New York city, lately destroyed by fire, is being rebuilt, and in all probability will be ready for public worship within twelve months.

Cast iron rails are now extensively used, and are found to rust much less rapidly under the influence of the atmosphere than ordinary rails, or even those of copper. They are used especially for making roofs for manufactories which produce gases, that corrode common wrought iron. The rails, after being cast from slowly hot metal in sand moulds, are rendered malleable by being exposed to a red heat for seventy two hours in refractory retorts, containing pulverized oxide of iron and sawdust, and then allowed to cool slowly.

There is considerable excitement in New York over the proposed removal of St. Paul's (P. E.) Church, opposite the site of Barnum's former museum, and the devotion of the grounds to a palatial stable for the care of the horses of the several railroad lines which centre at that vicinity. In the Broadway front, which is really front of the church, is buried Gen. Montgomery, who fell at the assault on Quebec, and whose body was carried from the field by Aaron Burr; while in the yard surrounding the church is buried the body of Alexander Hamilton, who was "basely assassinated" in a duel by the same Aaron Burr.

PERSONAL.

—The promotions during the war from Pennsylvania regiments to the position of full brigadier general, were Colonels D. B. Birney, John W. Geary, C. F. Jackson, M. D. Hardin, Thomas L. Kane, Thomas Welsh, J. K. Knipe, James Nagle; J. F. Hartranft, J. R. Brooke, S. M. Meredith, C. T. Campbell, Alex. Hays, J. T. Owen, Isaac Wistar, Alex. Schimmelpfennig, Henry Bohlen, S. Heintzelman, J. R. Hoffman, Daniel Packer, Geo. D. Bayard, F. S. Stambaugh, W. W. Averill, and J. R. McIntosh, and Major H. Tyndale.

—William Richardson, Esq., an old and enterprising merchant of Philadelphia, died at his residence in that city the other day. He was a soldier in 1812 and 1814, and assisted in the management of the Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad, Buck Mountain Coal Company, and other enterprises in the coal region.

—The late Mr. Bohm, of Vienna, had made the wonderful collection of two heads, acquired in wood, and declined to sell them at less than ten thousand francs. On his death they were recently put up at auction, when Baron James de Rothschild of Paris, and Baron Anselme de Rothschild of Vienna, became rivals for the purchase of the coveted carvings. The latter carried them off, to the great delight of the Viennese lovers of art, at the price of thirty thousand francs.

—The Rev. Eilphalet Nott, DD. LL. D., President of Union College since 1840, and the oldest head of a literary institution in the United States and probably in the world, is not expected to live. He was born in 1773.

—Lord Lytton Bulwer, a gentleman of high literary ability, and one of the most accomplished dramatic critics in the country, has completed a valuable history of the American stage, embracing a comprehensive scope of one hundred and thirty years.

—There is a story going the rounds about Mr. Frederick Hudson, of the New York *Herald*. He has been thirty years on that paper, and now proposes to retire, having been on "night duty" all that time. He had a fine opening for the profession of a journalist, and too much work and too much ardor broke him down. A year or so ago he was a tall, straight, six foot two individual, of a strong and powerful frame, a keen eye and a quick one. He is now bent very considerably, and having contracted a very serious disease of the kidneys, has been ordered by his physician to the open air. He has consequently sold his Twenty-second street residence to Mr. Bennett, the photographer, and leaves on May the first for his farm near Concord, Mass., where he is to remain one year.

—Governor Andrew and the Messrs. Forbes, of Boston are the owners of the steamship Meteor, seized on the suspicion of being a privateer to sail under the Chilian flag. They have thus far been unable to procure her release. The penalty is the forfeiture of the vessel—one-half going to the Government and the other half to the informer. The value of the Meteor is estimated at $600,000.

—The Mrs. C. C. Clay, who died at Huntsville a few days since, was the wife of a former Governor of Alabama—who still survives at an advanced age—and mother of ex-Senator C. C. Clay, now held as a prisoner on a charge of complicity in the assassination of Mr. Lincoln.

—The Cunard steamship Scotia sailed from New York Wednesday afternoon, for Liverpool, with a large number of passengers, among whom are Mlle Parepa, the singer, and Hon. John Rose, of Montreal; also the following from Philadelphia; Thomas and C. J. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Knipe, and George O. Evans. A bearer of dispatches to our Minister in Paris is also said to be on board, but he is not so reported on the list.

—John Seaver, who lately walked one hundred miles at Portsmouth, N. H., within one hundred hours, made seven hundred and eighty dollars by doing so, but says he would not undertake the job again for many times that sum. He limited and fell several times during the last few hours, and was only kept upon upon his feet by constant bathing and rubbing, and by the loud encouragement of friends.

—Father Hyacinthe continues to draw immense congregations at Norte Dame. In one of his recent sermons he remarked in the presence of the Archbishop of Paris, "Man was for a long time merely a promising non-commissioned officer in the army of apes." The reverend gentleman dresses in an elegant monkish costume, and took several lessons of an opera singer in his vocation. It is as much the fashion now to go to Norte Dame to hear Father Hyacinthe, as it was ago to go to the Palais Cazaar to hear Mlle. Therese. The Princess Metternich, the Countess Pourtales, and all the other leaders of fashionable society sit at the reverend father's feet, and think of piety as promising a new sensation.

—The match between Davis, of Cincinnati, and Frawley, of Cleveland, for $250 a side and the championship of Ohio, 1,000 points up, was contested at Cleveland a few days since. The game stood Davis 993, Frawley 709, when Frawley, getting the balls together, made a run of 255, winning the game. It will be seen that Davis had but two to go when this remarkable streak of luck visited his opponent. Of course, another match will be insisted on by Davis, from whose grasp victory was snatched in a style unprecedented in the annals of match-playing.

SALE OF MARYLAND COAL LANDS.—A parcel of coal lands, containing 1058 acres and 150 perches, lying on the east side of George's creek, in Alleghany county, just above the lands of the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company, was sold at Baltimore this week, in one lot, at $100 50 per acre, making a total of $105,900. Mr. A. H. Stump, President of the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company, was the purchaser. The greater portion of the land originally formed part of the Commonwealth tract, is in a large degree underlaid with the fourteen feet vein of coal, and is on the line of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. The tract was first offered in two lots, but no bid was received.

ANOTHER USE FOR THEM.—Frogs have other uses than to delight the palate of a Frenchman. They are used in medical colleges to illustrate the effects of galvanism, in the lectures delivered to the students. The frog is obtained living from the mud in which he lies torpid during the winter. There are a great many ways of making a livelihood, and one of them is that of catching live frogs in winter time for our medical colleges. It is cold work, and uncertain work—about as uncertain as prospecting for gold in Maine. The "froggers," as they are called, know the marshes in which they seek their game. They break the ice and find the mud beneath. The frogs are there embedded. When brought to the fire apparently quite lifeless, but revive as soon as they feel the warmth of a fire. The greater the scarcity of frogs the higher the price. As much as five dollars has been given at times for a single specimen. A frog, just killed, is caused by the battery to make a leap.

JAPAN.—The condition of things in Japan has been frequently with great interest; new commercial ports have been opened and new concessions granted to some of the foreign powers, while at the same time the domestic affairs of that empire continue to be agitated by contests between the liberal and secular Emperors and between the independent Japanese princes and the supreme sovereign of the Empire. Under these circumstances, the United States Minister, resident at Jeddo, who has just been appointed to succeed Mr. Payne, will doubtless carry out such measures as will make this country, more deeply interested as it is in Japan, than other foreign powers, fully participate in any privilege granted by the Tycoon to the commerce of nations.

General Moorhead's Reception.

The Washington *Chronicle* of Thursday says: General J. K. Moorhead, Representative in Congress from the Pittsburgh, Pa., district, received a number of his personal friends last evening, at his residence, No. 339 New York avenue. The party was composed mainly of Pennsylvanians, among whom we recognized the following members of the House: Messrs. Kelley, Stevens, Broomall, Thayer, Myers, O'Neill, Brower, Dawson, Coffroth, Scofield, Barker, Wilson, Mercur; and among the Pennsylvanians resident or sojourning here were Judge Shannon, of Pittsburgh; General J. T. Owen, of Philadelphia; Major General Kiddoo; General Koontz, Commissioner Claus; Newton, ex-Attorney General Black, H. D. Newton and his associates, Mr. Fahnestock and Pitt Cooke, Clinton Lloyd, Chief Clerk of the House, Senators Ramsey and Nye, and Mr. Speaker Colfax, were, we believe, the only citizens from other States present. Mrs. Moorhead, and Mrs. Lloyd, and Mrs. Moorhead, Sr., were present during a part of the evening. A most excellent collation the company partook of an elegant supper, at which General Moorhead presided with characteristic good humor and good taste.

RELICIOUS.

REV. HENRY D. MOORE, will preach in the Plymouth Congregational church, Hand street, to-morrow at 10½ A. M. and 7 P. M.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Hutchison Oil and Refining Company, will be held at the office of the Company, corner of First and Ferry street, Pittsburgh, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of February, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing officers to serve for the ensuing year.

ja27-3t H. H. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

BUCK RUN LUBRIC OIL COMPANY—A special meeting of the stockholders will be held on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 29th, at Purviance's Telegraph Rooms. Business of the highest importance.

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CHERRY RUN CENTRAL OIL COMPANY—All persons holding certificates of Stock in this Company and not transferred to them on the books of the Company, will find it to their interest to either have the same transferred or notify the Secretary of their ownership. Office corner Wood and Fifth street.

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The books of the Company are now open at the office of C. HOEVELER, Esq., German Insurance Company, Liberty street, where a prospectus, giving full particulars, may be seen.

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Possession of three of the small rooms can be given immediately. Apply to
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THE EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, January 26, 1866.

BY AUTHORITY FROM THE Comptroller of the Currency, the Directors of this Bank have declared a dividend of fifty per cent. from the Net Profits payable in shares of new stock to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), making the capital fifteen hundred thousand dollars ($1,500 000).

Stockholders will have credit on the books of the Bank with one new share of fifty dollars for each two shares held on this twenty-sixth day of January, A. D. 1866.

When this allotment makes one-half of a share a portion of the dividend, the owner may purchase the share by a payment of twenty-five dollars, or receive that amount as an equivalent; but this option will cease upon the completion of the increase to the capital, when all remaining fractions will be paid in cash.

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NOVEMBER 30, 1865.
Published in conformity with the Charter.

LIABILITIES

Due Depositors		$103,255 11
3 Per Cent. Dividend out of Profits for 6 mos. ending May 30	$2,868 15	
3 Per Cent. do. do. Nov. 30.	2,593 64	5,461 77
Debts Payable		225 01
Profit and Loss		2,444 03
		$111,383 92

ASSETS.

Bonds and Mortgages	$71,436 75	
U. S. Bonds, 5-20's, $9,000		
Do. 10-40's, 11,000	20,000 00	
Cash	7,543 76	
Bills Receivable	3,762 00	
Pitts'h, Alleg'y and Manc'r R. W. Bonds	5,000 00	
First Mortgage Bonds Pitts'h Branch Western Penna. R. R. Co	2,000 00	
First Ward Alleg'y School Board Bonds	1,000 00	
Accrued Interest on Securities	2,292 41	
Office Fixtures	250 00	
	$111,383 92	

D. R. MCKINLEY, Treasurer.

The undersigned, Auditing Committee, respectfully report that they have examined the books and assets of the Institution, and find the above statement to be correct.

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The Christian's Assurance of Acceptance with God.

The following Sermon, Delivered in the Lecture Room of the Pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, by Henry Ward Beecher.

"I hold in my hand a letter that I have received, and I read:—

Mr. Beecher,—Do you think it is our privilege as Christians to have an abiding assurance of our acceptance? At the age of eight years I united with the church, and from that time to the present, some has been my experience and my belief; but I be fitted for that life, the more I am convinced that I am not. I sometimes have a moment of my childhood. I enjoyed assurance; but gradually, as the light of heaven was obscured, I became more and more doubtful. I have prayed for it, and have tried to live as my hopes led it has not been of such a character as it ought to be—an anchor sure and steadfast. At times my fears have been so great as to almost undo me for the duties of life. At times my faith has been strong. I pray God that you may be able to teach me, lest I be found at last among the foolish ones without the oil in their lamps at the coming of the Bridegroom. Yours truly, Ed

ONE WHO LONGS TO KNOW THAT HE WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED AND MADE LIKE UNTO THE LIKENESS OF CHRIST.

This letter gives evidence of coming from a person that is very deeply religious. It is simple and sincere; and, as it covers a ground on which thousands stand, I may perhaps meet a general want by expending on this partitioner's request some time and strength.

In the first place, what is precisely that after which she and others like her are feeling? I understand it to be such a conviction of personal peace in Christ as shall give rest, if not joy. What is the means by "assurance of acceptance" being, in a conviction that she has such a personal relation with the Lord Jesus Christ as will result in her guidance through life, and support in her death, and in her reception in the world to come. And if such be her question, the answer to it is one which may one have the certainty, of being saved by—

Well, as it respects certainty, all that one wants for certainty is to have that which is a comforting conviction. It may be certain, or it may be not; but it amounts to the same thing, so far as the feeling is concerned, if one has a conviction which dispels fear, buoys up hope, and produces peace or joy.

Is there, then, any provision in the truth of the Gospel, on which one may rely in this regard? I do not see how any one can read the life of Christ, and the history of his discourses to his disciples, and have any doubt on that subject. To me it is clear as the noonday sun. It seems to me that my children have as much reason to doubt whether my house is to be their home as long as they live as the disciples of Christ had to doubt the doctrine of salvation through this life, and took hold of the life that is to come.

The next question that arises is this: Is there no argument of fear and doubt in the New Testament? Yes. "Let us," says the apostle, "labor to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the example of unbelief." There is an argument of fear, but is it to be a paralyzing, chronic fear? Is it to be anything more than a motive for us to make our calling and election sure? There is a kind of fear which spreads over the soul like a mist and fog. It neither rains nor hails; it dispellest. Day and night it wraps the soul in its chilling and vitalioless embrace. That is a very disastrous form of fear. It is low, annoying, deadening. There is another kind which is like a sharp rain storm in summer. A great deal of thunder and lightning comes with it, but it soon passes away, and everything is better for it. This kind of fear, instead of being deadening and paralyzing, is quickening and vitalizing, and brings a man to new life. Important it is that he should examine his ground and know that he stands. It is a kind of fear which, so far from being injurious, is to be had in degree salutary.

White, then, there is in the Gospel a recognition of the function of the fear, it is also taught that with it, and in part by it, we are to come to a state in which we have an abiding confidence that our souls shall be saved through the Lord Jesus Christ. So much for the ground work.

Now, the question comes up, as I attain to this assurance? This depends upon two grand elements. First, it depends upon the teaching to which one has been subject. Secondly, it depends upon one's peculiar personal disposition.

You are aware how different ministers are, not by a difference of the truths which they preach, but by a difference of the emphasis that they put upon truths. One minister is a man of great conscience. He is not without benevolence, and he is not without sympathy; but these are decidedly secondary in his nature. Conscience, in the sense of authority and government, predominates in him. In the Word of God, all through, he sees government, divine authority, divine lawship. And when he preaches, his mind runs through those topics. He dwells upon the law. He says that God is a consuming fire twenty-five times a year, and twice in a year that God is love. He emphasizes those parts of the Gospel which appeal to fear.

Now, when one has been brought up under instruction like that, and is conditionally fearing, it seems almost impossible but that he should be in constant doubt and apprehension. I have in my mind a very devoted minister of Christ, who did great good in his life, but who saw the shady side. And when he was dying, he came to him persons in an elated state of mind, thinking that they were converted, he always said: "If child, take it all in your hopes, but it has not been so from us

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CITY MATTERS.

"MYSTERY."

Lecture Before the Tennyson Club by the Right Reverend John H. Hopkins, D. D., LL. D. of Vermont.

A highly respectable audience assembled at Masonic Hall, last evening, to listen to a lecture —one of the regular course given under the auspices of the Tennyson Club—by the Right Rev. John Henry Hopkins, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Vermont. His theme was "Mystery." He showed that everything in nature was involved in mystery, but when so much had been done, nothing should be considered impossible. We had the highest confidence in our intellectual organization, and that confidence often amounted to idolatry. We could examine and determine many things with the mind, but could not tell how it was done. Mystery is the boundary line of our intelligence. Life itself is enrapt in its midst and all human agency has failed in trying to solve it. We saw operations and results but could not define the principle. The flowers spring out of the soil and shed their fragrance; the tree grows to a stately altitude and covers itself with luxurious foliage, yet how? What makes it good, or what produces the rare and exquisite perfume, no one has been able to tell. We could render life happy or miserable; we could take it away, but not restore it again. All the products of human ingenuity are, for instance, we could not define how our limbs are governed by the will; how our hearts obey the dictates of the mind; how the food we eat produces nourishment for the mind; how flesh, bone and food are transformed into blood, bone, muscle, hair, nail, etc. The general, the orator, the poet, the inventor, the genius, etc., were all dependant upon their mental food for the brilliant thoughts to which they gave life and expression in their deeds and writings. He considered sleep as one of the most remarkable phenomena. It was a familiar fact that in our dreams we sometimes seemed to be committing acts with entire complacency, from which we would shrink with terror in our wakeful moments. The state of the mind during slumber was discussed, briefly, and the views of the ancients on the subject and its operations were detailed in extenso, but no human philosophy could adequately determine the cause which constitute the mystery. The diseases of the body were equally involved in the impenetrable. We could feel pain; enumerate the different ailments we are heir to—but the causes it were impossible to tell. He defended the medical profession against unjust condemnation, as when their skill failed them they were held responsible for the patient's death. This was unjust, because the physician was but as a human being was a mystery himself—he dealt in mystery, and not all the science ever yet produced was sufficient to point out how it is possible to cure disease and know it at the time. Extreme passions and affections were treated in the same manner, but why one object produces different feelings in different persons was not finding out. The mind afforded the most marked illustration of the idea he desired to convey to his audience. It was a materials call attempts to understand its phenomena must be abandoned in despair. He showed that animals and insects were possessed of mind or memory, and to confounded with instinct, but had no spiritual nature as imposed by man. He drew three comparisons between Shakespeare, Milton, Burns, Napoleon, and those who with apparently better advantages produced no great results in all their life time. The mysteries of light, chemistry, astronomy, botany, mineralogy, agriculture, etc., were enumerated in their order and pronounced impenetrable. But although everything was in mystery we ought not to cease to think of discarding what we cannot explain, because, we are compelled, perforce, to live and act upon mystery from the cradle to the grave. Indeed, there is nothing certain but uncertainty. He canvassed by elucidating this idea to showing that the hopes of parents in their children's future excellence; the ambition of the public-spirited man; the aspirations of the newly married twain; the probable glory of nations, had been disappointed from the beginning, and after suggesting that these things ought to teach us reverent humility before God, he retired from the platform and the audience was dismissed.

Among the audience we noticed several prominent citizens, including Judge Sterrett, of the Court of Common Pleas, and many clergymen, among whom were the Rev. J. H. Hopkins, Jr., of New York, a son of the Bishop, and the Rev. Geo. C. Streete, of Chicago.

Oil Refiners Meeting—Permanent Organization Effected.

A meeting of the Oil Refiners of this city and vicinity was held at the Board of Trade Rooms, last evening, and was organized by calling Major Wm. Frew to the chair, and appointing Mr. James Benney, Jr., secretary.

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of establishing a permanent organization of refiners of petroleum, and cited a number of reasons why such an association should be formed.

On motion of Mr. James O'Connor, the representative of the oil interest present formed themselves into an organization styled the "Pittsburgh Refiners' Petroleum Association."

Mr. O'Connor offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The business of refining Petroleum in Pittsburgh has assumed such a magnitude that it is deemed necessary for the protection of the large interests involved, to form a "Refiners' Petroleum Association," and we, whose names are hereby annexed, do agree to form the association.

The officers of the association shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, all to be elected annually. The Executive Committee shall consist of three members, in addition to the President and Treasurer.

The business of the "Petroleum Association Board" shall be to take into active consideration the systematizing of the business interests of the Pittsburgh Petroleum Refiners, and upon their recommendations, approved of by a majority of the members, they shall be carried out, and be binding on all the members.

Representatives from the following firms were present, and subscribed to the document:

Lockhart & Frew, Brilliant.
John Gracie & Co., Nonpareil.
Sellers, Canfield & Co., Eastsecco.
Clark & Sumner, Standard.
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E. P. Kearns & Co., Penn.
James Benney, Jr., Petrona.
James Miller & Co., Eclipse.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. O'Connor, Israel and Long, was appointed to wait upon the various refiners of the city and request their signatures and co-operation in the movement.

The Association then entered into an election for permanent officers, which resulted as follows:

President—Major Wm. Frew.
Vice Presidents—Dr. H. W. C. Tweddle, J. Avery Hutchinson.
Secretary—James Benney, Jr.
Treasurer—Charles H. Israell.
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The object of freight on refined oil from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia was introduced, when Dr. Tweedle stated that oil could be conveyed from this city to New Orleans, in barges, for about thirty-five cents per barrel, where it could be shipped to Europe at as low a price as to Philadelphia or New York.

Mr. O'Conner strongly favored the suggestion. He had no doubt that if the matter was brought directly before the coal men, by the association, they would undertake to convey it in barges to New Orleans, at about one half the price now charged to Philadelphia.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Benney, Sellers and Musgrave, was appointed to correspond with Mr. Garrett, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, relative to the transportation of oil over that road.

The association then adjourned until Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Alleged Attempt at Arson.

On Sunday night last an attempt was made to set fire to the Drover's Home, in the Ninth ward, kept by a German named John Woldayer. The fire was kindled in the cellar, a lot of shavings having been collected for that purpose. A few days after another attempt was made to fire the house, and on Thursday night a third effort was discovered. The bed clothes in one of the rooms had been set on fire, but being discovered soon after, the fire was extinguished. James M. Spellman, a lodger in the house, was arrested on suspicion, and an information made before the Mayor, charging him with arson. There is no direct evidence against him, but the party who fired the bed could only have access to the room by passing through the room he occupied. The motives assigned is that Spellman has been anxious to obtain a situation as night watchman at the hotel, and that these incendiary attempts were made for the purpose of convincing the proprietor of the necessity for employing a watchman. Spellman indignantly denies the accusation, and alleges that he was the first to enter and put out the fire. He does not pretend to explain how the room could have been entered without his knowledge, but he challenges the proof of his guilt. He will have a hearing this morning.

HORTICULTURAL.—At the annual meeting of the Pittsburgh Horticultural Society, the following named officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Geo. R. White.
Vice Presidents—John Murdoch, Jr., Moses Chess, Dr. A. H. Gross.
Corresponding Secretary—J. S. Negley.
Recording Secretary—D. Bacon.
Treasurer—Geo. G. Negley.
The Society unanimously
Resolved, That James B. Negley, Albert Bennett and Moses Chess be constituted a committee to correspond with Horticulturists of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.

It was also voted that the regular meetings of the Society be held on the last Wednesday of each month, at 7 o'clock, A. M.

CITY MORTALITY.—Dr. George L. McCook physician of Board of Health, reports the number of interments in the city during the week ending January 20th, at twenty-five, seventeen adults and eight children. The causes of death were as follows: Typhoid fever, two; disease of liver, one; accident, one; consumption, three; disease of heart, one; consumption, three; inflammation of lungs, one; unknown, one; paralysis, two; strangulation, one; child hanged by the neck till dead, one; pneumonia, two; inflammation of brain and spinal cord, one; abdominal obstruction, one; premature birth, one; chronic rheumatism, one; convulsions, one; enteritis, one; pneumonia, one; debility, one; diphtheria, one.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.—We wish to call the attention of all our agricultural readers to the advertisement of the Allegheny Fertilizer Company in our columns this week. We gave a somewhat extended notice of their works in our issue of the 15th, and again recommend their manufactures to the farmer as the best fertilizer ever manufactured, giving more return for the money outlay than any manure used, beside ripening the crop from twelve to twenty days in advance of other fertilizers.

A Grand Procession—The Greatest Day of Merriment of the Year—Laughing Gas.

Why do you suffer with toothache when Dr. [illegible] will do it without the slightest pain, and no extra charge for giving the gas? Call [illegible] dollar sets of teeth. One hundred [illegible] persons were supplied with teeth in Pittsburgh last week. One hundred persons were relieved of their bad teeth yesterday, without the slightest pain, in the same establishment. Call on the Doctor in the morning before the cars are crowded. I have more vacant [illegible] than any other dentist in the city. Dr. [illegible] assistant is employed all day. Dr. [illegible] office is the largest dental establishment in the city. Many entire families live by the [illegible] of Dr. [illegible]

[illegible] arrangements with all the railroads leading to the city, so that persons [illegible] some distance will be furnished [illegible] tickets at full fare.

[illegible] Allegheny delegation will form in line on [illegible] Street, keeping on the right hand side [illegible] Diamond, right chief marshal [illegible] will ride the line and see that [illegible] service, who has been [illegible] Dr. Hill, [illegible] Dr. Hill's office.

The city police will be on a sharp lookout for pickpockets while the procession are [illegible] picked.

IMPORTANT RAILROAD CASE.

Western Pennsylvania Railroad—The Right of Way Through Allegheny City Contested—The Lease Before Court—Argument of the Counsel—Decision of the Court Reserved.

On Saturday last, J. H. Hampton, Esq., Solicitor for the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Company, filed a bill in equity in the Court of Common Pleas, praying that a decree be made enjoining the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of Allegheny from hindering, or in any way preventing the construction of said roads within the limits of the city. The plaintiffs, in their bill, allege that they are a body corporate in law, duly created by act of Assembly; that they have purchased from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company that portion of the Pennsylvania Canal extending from Freeport to the outlet Lock, in Allegheny, upon which they have located their road; that they have made contracts for the early completion of said road between Freeport and the easterly line of said city, and expended large sums in said work; that in order to make a connection with the Pittsburgh Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, at a point on the Canal two hundred feet below the Liberty bridge, and nearly opposite the mouth of Grant's street, it was at first designed to pass under the bridges at Sycamore and Chestnut streets and East Lane, by elevating them two feet five inches, and raising the streets to correspond. The city authorities, however, denied the right of the road to elevate the bridges or change the grade of the streets, but demanded that the bridges should be removed, the streets cut down to grade with the road, and regraded, paved and curbed, as the case may require, at a sewer from Anderson to Federal streets, in said city, at their own cost, or in lieu thereof pay into the city Treasury annually the sum of $2,500. The company declined to build the sewer, but were willing to pay any legal assessment to assist in its construction, and after delaying the work for over three months, endeavoring to effect an amicable arrangement, the company, by reason of the power delegated to them, began work on the 29th of December last and were about taking down the bridges, preparatory to grading the streets upon the plan suggested by the city authorities, when the engineers were arrested upon an information made before the Mayor of the city, by one of its officers, and prevented from proceeding with their work. That by reason of inducements held out to the company that ordinance would be passed by councils, whereby terms might be settled upon, the company have desisted from proceeding with the work within the limits of the city, and are suffering damages by reason thereof. The plaintiffs, therefore, pray that a preliminary injunction be issued to restrain the authority of the city, as follows:

First, from arresting or in any wise interfering with the engineers or workmen of the company, in cutting down said Sycamore and Chestnut streets and East lane, and removing bridges thereat, so as to bring said streets to the grade of the Canal bridge upon the location made therefor; second, from interrupting or in any manner preventing the engineers and workmen of the road from doing whatever may be necessary to be done, necessary to its construction upon the location within the city limits, and third, that the injunction when granted may be directed in the exercise of their rights in the premises, by such other orders as the Court may be pleased to direct shall in said petition for injunction be contained.

The matter was argued yesterday morning in the Court of Common Pleas, before Judge Sterrett. Mr. Hampton stated that the bill had been filed on Saturday, but he had not been notified by M. W. Woodward, Esq., Solicitor for Allegheny city, until two days ago, that the case was about to be brought up, although it was required that six days notice should be given. The location of the canal from Freeport to Allegheny city had become the property of the company by purchase, and if they had not the privileges they desired, the city of Allegheny could not delegate it to them. He then stated the history and organization of the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and the deed from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company conveying the property to them.

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Hours Daily at 10¼ O'Clock, A. M.

TRANSACTIONS JAN. 26, 1866, AT THE BOARD.

	1864.	Asked.
United States 6's 1881	108 00	.....
United States 5-20s	102 00	.....
United States 7-30s	99 50	.....
United States 10-40s	92 00	.....
United States Certificates	97 50	.....
Gold	128 00	.....
Allegheny County 6s	72 50	.....
Connellsville Railroad 6's	91 00	.....
Pennsylvania Insurance		22 00
Western Insurance	50 50	
Monongahela Insurance Co	28 25	
Allegheny Valley Railroad	10 00	15 00
Connellsville Railroad	10 00	.....
Exchange National Bank	84 50	.....
Merchants' and Manufacturers National	87 50	.....
Bank of Pittsburgh	60 00	.....
Columbia Oil	.....	25 00
Monongahela Navigation	.....	50 00

FRIDAY, January 26—P. M.

The attendance on 'Change to-day was quite encouraging, and a lively interest was manifested in its success. Some fifteen new members were unanimously admitted. These names are as follows: Thomas S. Hayden, J. F. Day, Joseph A. Crawford, J. T. Shaler, Capt. J. Rhoads, W. G. Johnston & Co., R. C. Loomis, James L. Brady, Trauman, Appletaum & Co., J. Schoonmaker & Son, Jas. H. Parker, S. S. Bryan, B. McLain, A. Garrison & Co. and Lorenz & Wightman. The enterprise already wears a healthy appearance and is certain to result in being established on a sure basis. The present is a propitious time to organize a Daily 'Change, and have it ready for the busy season. If business were now very brisk, persons would not take the time to attend, but now they have sufficient leisure to become acquainted with the rules and modes of operations; and when trade begins again, they will be in readiness to take advantage of the 'Change. It would be now in place for members to bring samples of grain, corn, coffee, tea or any other article they may intend to sell. These samples will be taken charge of and carefully cared for until the owner takes them away. We want to see some transactions made on 'Change, and now is the proper time to make the effort. Our stock brokers are coming into it; Messrs. Bailey, Bryan and McLain have been admitted. That large bulletin board is a good place to advertise stocks. We want to see the daily 'Change a lively place—a perfect beehive, a mart for the trade of our city, and we rejoice that the indications are so encouraging.

Mr. Thurston, the President of the Board of Trade, who is always wide awake to the reputation and interests of our city, called the attention of the members on 'Change to-day to an erroneous statement of the statistics of the manufactures of Pittsburgh, which appeared in the telegraph columns of the morning papers. The Secretary of the Interior was required, by a resolution of the House, to furnish the statistics of manufactures of cities, embracing those having a hundred thousand inhabitants and upwards. It appears that Pittsburgh is classed among the small manufacturing towns, and the value of her manufactures put down at $100,000! This is so grossly erroneous that the President of the Board of Trade was instructed to prepare a letter to our representatives at Washington, embodying such data and facts as will place the Iron City in a true light. The Secretary of the Interior obtained his estimates from the census of 1860. This census has always been regarded as a stupid, blundering work, and cannot be depended upon. We are glad to see the matter moved on by to-day. Mr. Thurston, who is familiar in local statistics, will not rest until a true statement is presented, giving our city the influence which belongs to it, and the proper grade among the largest and wealthiest manufacturing cities in the country.

—The fluctuations in 'Change to-day from New York quote Raw Sugars very heavy. Hards at 17¾@17¾c; good Refining at 17¼c. Rio Coffee steady at previous figures. Flour and Wheat steady, with an upward tendency. Corn Meal in good demand. City of Allegheny could not delegate it to them. He then stated the history and organization of the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and the deed from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company conveying the property to them.

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PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY COMMERCIAL, } SATURDAY, January 27, 1866. }

There was a fair inquiry for crude oil for present and future delivery. The prospect of an early resumption of navigation is beginning to have its effect upon buyers, who are inquiring around to see what can be done in regard to lots to be delivered in March and April. We learn from good authority that one of our large refineries made an offer of 21 cents for 3,000 barrels to be delivered before the end of May. The transaction has not yet been consummated. The ruling figures on the spot for Crude were 20@20¾c without packages, and 20@20½c, packages included, for fair gravities. Of course heavy oil brought higher prices. Our quotations have reference to the ordinary run of oil. Lubricating oils were steady, with a fair trade demand. Prices have undergone no change. Refined—The market has undergone no change. A sale of bonded, the first for some time, was reported for the Eastern market. The supply on hand is not large. Free is selling in a regular way to supply the wants of the home market, at previous prices. There was nothing done in Tar or Benzole. Prices were nominal.

CRUDE OIL.—The sales were not large. There was, however, a large inquiry. Among the sales were 100 bbls heavy oil—34 gravity, at 25c, barrels returned. Sales 200 bbls at 30½c; without packages. Sales 100 bbls Smith's Ferry oil, 20c, barrels returned. Holders generally were asking 21@22c, without and with packages.

REFINED OIL.—The only sale of bonded that came under our notice was 500 bbls, free on cars, at 45c. This would be equal to about 44¼c on the spot. Free Oil—Sales 100 bbls at 64c. Small sales were made at the usual advance.

LUBRICATING OILS.—We note regular sales of 15 bbls locomotive at $1 80 per gallon. Sales 20 bbls A $1 25; 40 bbls B 75c. and 25 bbls C at 50c.

Per Monongahela S. W. Navigation Co. [Co Schaefer, 113 has gained.

Oil Receipts per Allegheny Valley R. R.

GOING EAST.

National Refining and Storing Company 42 barrels of refined oil for Philadelphia.

Forsyth, Bros & Co., 277 barrels of refined oil for Philadelphia.

S. M. Mahon & Co., 50 barrels of refined oil for Baltimore.

PITTSBURGH.

Clara Oil Company, 80 barrels of refined oil.

Champion Oil Company, 80 barrels of refined oil.

Pittsburgh Hide and Leather Market.

[Corrected by George H. Anderson.]

PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL OFFICE, } January 27, 1866.

Prices for strictly prime Leather have been well maintained, with no surplus in market here or abroad.

OAK LEATHER.—The demand for heavy weights (not bulky) has been in excess of supply, and at prices 8 or 10 cents higher than for light and middle; of the latter the market is abundantly supplied at lower prices.

FINISHED SPECIES.—Harness, Upper and Calf in good supply. Prices weak and unsettled.

A large discrimination is made in favor of prime tannages and superior finish of all descriptions of Leather.

I quote to day:

LEATHER.		
Oak Sole, heavy	45@	46
" " middle and light	43@	44
Rough Oak, heavy	35@	38
" " light	33@	35
" Calf	100@	1 30
Finished Calf	1 20@	1 75
Wax Upper, per foot	45@	50
Band Leather	42@	44
Collar, per doz	42@	45
No. 1 Oak Harness	40@	42
No. 2 Oak Harness	38@	40
Black Bridle, per doz	44 00@	54 00
Skirting	44@	46
Saddlers' Skirting	44@	46
Welting	42@	44
Red Sole, B. A	42@	44
" Prince	42@	44
No. 1 Pad Skirting	40 00@	41 00

HIDES.		
Green Salted, heavy	11@	12
" 50 to 60 lbs	10@	10¾
" Butchers'	10@	10½
Dry Flint	19@	21
" Salted	13@	15
Green Calf	18@	20
Tanners' Oil, No. 1	40@	42
Tallow	12@	14

PITTSBURGH GLASS MARKET.

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The market remains firm with a fair demand for all descriptions. Window Glass continues in good demand, and moderate supply. Sash Ash is almost entirely out of the market, and the importations very light. The late severe storms have wrecked a number of vessels for Philadelphia and New York ports, and the manufacturer is manufacturer will have to go out, for want of the article. The extravagant prices paid to glass workers, with the high price of material, will prevent manufacturers putting away stock, as there is every prospect of a very short supply during the entire Spring and Summer.

—The article we published on Wednesday morning from the New York *Tribune*, bearing heavily on railroad stocks, has been replied to by the *Times* of that city in the following pertinent manner:

"The *Tribune* says that we are mistaken if he supposes that his neighbors mean to impeach his motives in opposing the Erie Railway. It rather a question of consistency and common fairness in the interest which that paper, in times past, (and not very remote), did and do still, have in the Erie road, to even praise indiscriminately as any other. He knows and the public knows, that when the Railroad Ring rise from comparatively moderate prices. He would have the public believe that it is only recently it accidentally opening the door to speculation in the opposite direction. Stock Exchanges should not probably disagree with him in his theoretical views, or if you please, most of these works to government securities; if that were the question just now at issue. But the public will not be misled by any such pretext. It knows, whether these roads have become suddenly objectionable on the down side of speculation, and discredit as on the downward course to bankruptcy, because they have not saved a single one of their earnest friends, has undergone a sudden change on the general subject of the Erie Railway, or case the road was deemed cheap by the *Tribune* in December at 10, and in its January dividend, or failed to appropriate out of the net earnings of 1865 a large sum, to be about one-third less than at any other point. Was the company prepared to confer with the city railroad company had failed to arrive at any definite conclusion as to the construction of the sewer, and that seemed to be the main cause of complaint. Messrs. Wm. McHendry and A. H. English were also examined, and corroborated, in the main, Mr. Schoyer's statement.

Mr. Hampton stated that he would not examine any other witnesses, and proceeded to discuss the case. He contended that by virtue of the charter of the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Company the rights and privileges enjoyed by that corporation, and denied that they had been abused. The company was empowered to construct a railroad from Freeport to Allegheny city, and had a right, under its charter, to make the grades of the streets which it intersected, conform to the improvements of the road amenable, however, for their action to a court of equity. The portion of the canal in question is the road, was the property of the company, and it was unnecessary to secure the consent of the city. Councils had no power to delegate it, and then read a number of authorities in support of his position. The matter of the proposed sewer was also discussed. The Legislature had granted the company the right to fix points and terminus, and the only proper question involved was, whether the road had exceeded the privileges which it possessed.

Mr. Woodward responded. The railroad company had been interfered with in the prosecution of their work because they were about to block-ade a street, which was a public convenience. The city was not to be enjoined until they had committed an illegal act. This was not done. The authorities of the city discovered their streets were about to be blockaded, when they proceeded to the only remedy within their reach. If the Legislature has power to grant privileges to railroad companies, infringing on the established grades of streets within a city, these powers should be granted expressly, or by implication. Implication is not sufficient where necessary in the construction of a railroad are not lawful, and the necessity for the removal of the bridges had not been shown. The railroad company had been enjoined while committing acts contrary to law, and prejudicial to the interests of the city. No agreement had been made between the railroad company and the city, and the officers of the corporate authority had no right to make the arrest.

The company was willing to proceed with the work as it had been commenced, grade, pave, and curb the streets, and place them in as good condition with as little inconvenience to the residents of the city as possible.

The argument here rested, when the Court took possession of the papers and announced that a decision would be rendered at an early day.

The Edwin Adams Dramatic Association.

—This is the title of a newly organized Dramatic Association, which bids fair to equal any similar organization now existing in the west-ern part of the country. The Association was organized in November last, and is composed principally of young ladies and gentlemen of both cities, and is named in honor of Edwin Adams, the celebrated tragedian, who played a successful engagement in this city a few weeks since. Mr. C. Johnson, the Corresponding Secretary of the Association, has received a letter from Mr. Adams in reply to a note addressed him by the Association, in which he expresses his approbation as to the control the city

Pittsburgh Cordage Market.

JANUARY 27, 1866.—The market contains a fair supply, with a good local demand. The following are the card rates up to last evening:

Manilla	24
Sisal, Tarred	18
Hawser Laid Oil Well Rope	24
American Hackled Hemp Cordage	22
Hemp Rope	20
Hawseline, Mawline, &c	20
Spunyarn	22
American Hemp, Package	18
Oakum	10
Twines	45
Sash and Bell Cords	60
Bed Cords, Manilla	8 cts.
" Hemp	3 25@4 25
Terms, 1st cash.	

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